

preserve the hard-won gains made in Afghanistan during the past two decades, particularly as related to the social, economic, and political empowerment of women and girls in society;

(5) the continued provision of humanitarian assistance in Afghanistan should be targeted toward the most vulnerable, including for the protection, education, and well-being of women and girls;

(6) immediate and ongoing humanitarian needs in Afghanistan can only be met by a humanitarian response that includes formal agreements between local nongovernmental organizations, including women-led organizations, and international partners that promotes the safe access and participation of female staff at all levels and across functional roles among all humanitarian actors; and

(7) a lack of aid would exacerbate the current humanitarian crisis and harm the well-being of women and girls in Afghanistan.

(C) POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES REGARDING THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS OF AFGHANISTAN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—It is the policy of the United States—

(A) to continue to support the internationally recognized human rights of women and girls in Afghanistan following the withdrawal of the United States Armed Forces from Afghanistan, including through mechanisms to hold all parties publicly accountable for violations of such rights against women and girls and violations and abuses of international humanitarian law;

(B) to strongly oppose any weakening of the political or economic rights of women and girls in Afghanistan;

(C) to use the voice and influence of the United States at the United Nations to promote, respect, and uphold the internationally recognized human rights of women and girls in Afghanistan, including the right to safely work, including outside the home;

(D) to identify individuals who violate the internationally recognized human rights of women and girls in Afghanistan, such as by committing acts of murder, lynching, and grievous domestic violence against women, and to press for bringing those individuals to justice; and

(E) to systematically consult with Afghan women and girls (including women and girls who are part of the Afghan diaspora community), including through women-led organizations and networks, on their needs and priorities in the development, implementation, and monitoring of humanitarian action, diplomatic efforts, and foreign assistance activities.

(d) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND AFGHAN WOMEN.—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, should work to ensure that Afghan women are employed and enabled to work in the delivery of humanitarian assistance in Afghanistan, to the extent practicable.

(e) REPORT ON WOMEN AND GIRLS IN AFGHANISTAN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days thereafter through 2024, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress, and make available to the public, a report that includes the following:

(A) An assessment of, including recommendations on, the status of women and girls in Afghanistan following the departure of United States and partner military forces, including with respect to the access of such women and girls to primary and secondary

education, primary and emergency health care, and legal protections and status.

(B) An assessment of the political and civic participation of women and girls in Afghanistan.

(C) An assessment of the employment of women in both the public and private sectors in Afghanistan.

(D) An assessment of the prevalence of gender-based violence in Afghanistan and the status of access to justice and other dispute resolution mechanisms to redress incidents of gender-based violence.

(E) A report on funds for United States foreign assistance obligated or expended during the period covered by the report to advance gender equality and the internationally recognized human rights of women and girls in Afghanistan, including funds directed toward local organizations promoting such rights of women and girls, that includes the following:

(i) The amounts awarded to prime recipients and subrecipients for such purposes during the reporting period.

(ii) A description of each program for which such funds are used for such purposes.

(2) ASSESSMENT.—

(A) INPUT.—The assessment described in paragraph (1)(A) shall include the input of—

(i) Afghan women and girls;

(ii) Afghan and international organizations employing and working with Afghan women and girls; and

(iii) Afghan and international humanitarian organizations, including faith-based organizations, providing assistance in Afghanistan.

(B) SAFETY AND CONFIDENTIALITY.—In carrying out the assessment described in paragraph (1)(A), the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, ensure the safety and confidentiality of personal information of each individual who provides information from within Afghanistan.

(3) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, I have 5 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, PRODUCT SAFETY, AND DATA SECURITY

The Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HAWLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Lieutenant Colonel John Meyer be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, finally, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 12 noon, Wednesday, December 1; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; and that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 4350, the National Defense Authorization Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TOMORROW

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:08 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 12 noon.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate November 30, 2021:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

COREY HINDERSTEIN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR DEFENSE NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION, NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.